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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEPHEN ANTHONY SEYMOUR,

Defendant.

NO: 2:19-CR-189-RMP

PROTECTIVE ORDER

BEFORE THE COURT is a motion by the United States for entry of a protective order regulating disclosure of discovery materials and the sensitive information those materials may contain, ECF No. 16, and an accompanying motion to expedite hearing of the same, ECF No. 17. The United States represents that Defendant Stephen Anthony Seymour does not object to entry of the protective order. ECF No. 16 at 5. The Court has reviewed the motions, the record, the relevant law, and is fully informed.

The standard for entry of a protective order in a criminal matter, generally, is good cause. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d)(1) (providing that a “court may, for good cause, deny restrict, or defer discovery or inspection, or grant other appropriate

1 relief"). The Court finds that the potential injury from the dissemination of  
2 personal identifiers, other sensitive information, and medical records at issue in  
3 this matter constitutes good cause to enter the proposed protective order in an  
4 expedited fashion. However, Defendant may move to modify the protective order  
5 at a later date. *See* Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(d).

6 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

7 1. The United States' Unopposed Motion for Discovery Protective  
8 Order, **ECF No. 16**, and accompanying Motion to Expedite, **ECF No. 17**, hearing  
9 of the same are **GRANTED**.

10 2. Pursuant to the discovery obligations previously imposed by the  
11 Court, the United States is authorized to disclose discovery in its possession and  
12 any Protected Information contained therein. As used herein, "Protected  
13 Information" means sensitive personal, business, and financial information of  
14 defendants and third parties, including for example, social security numbers,  
15 driver's license and identification information, taxpayer identification numbers, tax  
16 information and records, salary information, dates of birth, birth places, addresses,  
17 phone numbers, e-mail addresses, personal photographs, cooperating witness  
18 information, and financial and business account numbers and information.

19 3. Counsel for Defendant (hereinafter "Defense Counsel") shall not  
20 share or provide any discovery items produced by the United States in this case  
21 with anyone other than designated Defense Counsel, defense investigators, retained  
expert witnesses, and support staff. Defense Counsel may permit Defendant to

1 view unredacted discovery items in the presence of Defense Counsel, defense  
2 investigators, and support staff. Defense Counsel personally, or through Defense  
3 Counsel's investigators and support staff, may show unredacted discovery items to  
4 witnesses in regard to items or events about which a witness may have personal  
5 knowledge. Defense Counsel and his investigators and support staff shall not  
6 allow Defendant or witnesses to copy Protected Information contained in the  
7 discovery.

8 4. The discovery and information therein may be used only in  
9 connection with the litigation of this case and for no other purpose. The discovery  
10 is now and will forever remain the property of the United States. At the conclusion  
11 of the case, Defense Counsel will return the discovery to the United States, will  
12 certify that it has been shredded, or, if the materials are still needed, will store it in  
13 a secure place and not disclose it to third parties. If the assigned Defense Counsel  
14 is relieved or substituted from the case, Defense Counsel will return the discovery  
15 to the United States or certify that it has been shredded.

16 5. Defense Counsel shall store the discovery in a secure place and will  
17 use reasonable care to ensure that it is not disclosed to third persons contrary to the  
18 Protective Order.

19 6. Defense Counsel shall be responsible for advising Defendant,  
20 employees, witnesses, and other members of the defense team of the contents of  
21 this Protective Order.

7. This Protective Order also shall apply to any new Defense Counsel

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1 who may later become counsel of record in this case.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Clerk is directed to enter this  
3 Order and provide copies to counsel.

4 **DATED** December 4, 2019.

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6 *s/ Rosanna Malouf Peterson*  
7 ROSANNA MALOUF PETERSON  
8 United States District Judge  
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